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Agriculture- Provincial Cotton Committee- 11th meeting Agenda and Proceedings-Papers recorded.

Agricultural Department.

From
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To
The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Madras.

No. Y. 2. 208/49 dated 23-6-49.

Sir,

Sub: Committees- Provincial Cotton Committee- 11th Meeting- Agenda and proceedings- copies forwarded.-

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I enclose herewith copies of the agenda and proceedings of the eleventh meeting of the Provincial Cotton Committee held on 5th April 1949 at Madras. I request that a copy in each may kindly be forwarded to the Secretary, Indian Central Cotton Committee for his information.

2. With reference to subject 2 under item 2 of the proceedings regarding the scheme for the improvement of unirrigated cumbodia cotton, I have to state that the scheme has since been approved and sanctioned by the Indian Central Cotton Committee at its recent meeting held in February 1949.

Sd. C.R. Sreenivasa Iyengar
For Director of Agriculture.

Copy to: The Cotton Specialist,
Lawley Road P.O.

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Agenda for the eleventh meeting of the Provincial Cotton Committee to be held in the Office of the Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Madras at 2 P.M. on the 5th April 1949.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous (viz) 10th Meeting held on the 4th October 1948.

II. Action taken on the resolutions adopted at the previous meeting.

1. The textile Commissioner and the Central Government be addressed to effect reduction in the pressing charges of lint fixing the ceiling rate at Rs. 8/- per bale. This committee recommends to the Indian Central Cotton Committee to further revise and fix the cotton pressing rate at Rs. 7/- per bale in view of further reduction in the cost of baling hoops.

The Indian Central Cotton Committee was addressed to arrange for the full quota of 850 tons of iron hoops for 1948-49 season so that the baling hoops could be manufactured in Negapatam. This was considered at the 59th Meeting of the Indian Central Cotton Committee. The supply position has very much improved and difficulty in getting hoops is not expected to be experienced in future.

2. One the six new schemes for breeding improged varieties of cotton in Westerns, Northerns, Tinnies, Cambodia in Central Districts, Sea Island in the West Coast and one seed distribution scheme in the Cocanadas area.

Four breeding schemes sent to the Indian Central Cotton Committee for financial aid have been sanctioned and are expected to commence working during 1949-50. The four schemes are:-

(a) 1. Scheme for breeding long staple cotton for the cold weather in the irrigated regions of Southern districts and trial of Sea Island in the West coast.

2. Scheme for breeding fully medium staple variety for Tinnies area.

3. Scheme for the improvement of Northerns Cotton.

4. Scheme for the improvement of Westerns cotton.

(b) The scheme for the improvement of unirrigated Cambodia cotton in the Madras Province is still under the consideration of the Indian Central Cotton Committee.

(c) The scheme for the multiplication, distribution of G.1 scheme in Guntur, sanctioned by the Indian Central Cotton Committee has started working during 1948-49.

3. Resolved to request the Government to hasten the passage of the Cotton Ginning and Pressing (Madras) amending bill into an act. Resolution No. 7 of the Local Cotton Committee, Northerns Tract held on 5-8-47.

The amending bill was discussed by the Legislative Assembly and are long it will be passed into an act.

4. It was resolved to start the Co2 cotton scheme in the protected area of required acreage as soon as Tiruppur cotton committee is brought into working condition as originally contemplated in cotton improvement act. Resolution No. 2 of Local Cotton Committee held on 8-9-47.

A combined multiplication and distribution scheme for Co2 and Karunganni Co5 sent to Government is under consideration of the Government and orders are awaited.

5. Illegal traspor of cotton from Tinnevelly to Cambodia protected area.

Certain defects in the existing transport act were sought to be remedied by inclusion of suitable amendments to check the illegal movement of cotton from one protected zone to the other. A detailed map of the Province showing boundaries of protected zones and important Railway stations was prepared and sent for printing for propaganda purposes.

6. Ways and means of increasing the production of cotton.

(a) Irrigation: That the execution of the Lower Bhavani Project should be given top priority has been recommended to the Government.

(b) Electricity: The Chief Engineer for Electricity was addressed to delegate powers to the Local Superintending Engineers for supply of Electricity for Agricultural purposes, in order to avoid delay in getting power. The Chief Engineer has replied that priority is given for Agricultural purposes subject to the extensions being technically and economically feasible. The Local Superintending Engineers have already powers to sanction works upto Rs. 6,000/-.

(c) Manures: The Joint Director of Agriculture has allotted 700 tons of Ammonium Sulphate for this province for the year ending 1948-49 ending with June 1949 and has apportioned 500 tons for Coimbatore district and 200 tons for Ramnad district for irriga ted Cambodia cotton.

7. To prevent the free mixing of Cambodia and Karunganni in ginneries, the Departmental Officers may be asked to take the necessary steps to check the malpracticing.

The draft rules of the Cotton Control act based on Bombay act with suitable modifications were prepared and sent to Government and the matter is under correspdondence with local Government.

8. Increasing the strength of the Local Cotton Committee by including one more growere member.

Nominations have been received.

9. The Cambodia crop in Coimbatore district in particular was spoiled by leaf disease in the past two years and the Agricultural Department is requested to devise some measures to control the disease in view of the fact that we are short of stapled cottons in India.

The Government Entomologist suggested spraying of tobacco decoction for control of thrips. Results on trials with new insecticides, Gammexand and D.D.T. and awaited.

10. Opening of a Regulated Market for cotton and groundnut at Tadpatri.

The budget estimates prepared by the Provincial Marketing Officer for establishing a market committee for cotton and groundnut at Tadpatri and briefing the whilie of Anantapur District under Commercial Crops Market act were sent to the Government.

11. Supply of pure seeds of H1 cotton in time for sowing in the Westerns area.

The Deputy Director of Agriculture, Cuddapah has issued instructions for stocking adequate quantity of H1 seeds in time for distribution, fixing the sale price sufficiently in advance.

12. On the need for growing coloured cotton which is mainly intended for export.

The opinion of the Indian Central Cotton Committee has been sought for on this subject.

13. On the resolution to request Messrs: Volkart Bros. Guntur to consider and intimate whether they can offer to pay a basic premium for G1 lint and if so the minimum quantity of lint that they would require in order to enable them to offer the premium to the growers.

Copy of reply received from Messrs. Volkart Bros. is furnihsed below.

"Copy of letter dated 6-1-1949 received for Volkart Agency.

"We give below our and H.O.'s valuation of sample G.20.

Our valuation: Very light colour, in fact a departure from the typical cocanada deep red. High in grade on account of cleanliness: Very decent staple; (The Agricultural Department's expect that it should fetch about Rs. 50 per candy more than for our type 'sapli').

Bombay valuation: "Agree with your valaution but we have strong doubts about the expected strong premium."

14. That the cotton contains dirt and leaf and ways and means are to be found for reducing the loss were recommended by Messrs. Volkarts to be taken up.

Precleaning of kapas before ginning is suggested. The Deputy Directors have been addressed to survey the conditions in the ginning factories in the Cocanadas tract.

III. SUBJECTS FOR THE CURRENT MEETING.

1. <u>Production:</u>

(a) Present shortages of cotton (Proposed by Sri G.K. Devarajulu Naidu).

(b) The suggestion for educating the cultivators by intensive propaganda through the Radio, films etc for the necessity of growing superior improved departmental strains and adoption of better method of cultivation. (Suggested by the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Vellore.)

2. Seed distribution.

Consideration of the proposed scheme for multiplication and distribution of Co2 and Co5 cottons as a combined scheme.

3. Marketing and price fixation.

(a) Coordination of prices between kapas and cotton and between Pakistan and Indian cotton. (suggested by Sri G.K. Devarajulu Naidu).

(b) Exclusion of Cotton Co4/B40 (Uganda) from the provision of Cotton Control order of the Provincial Government dated 4-2-49 with the object of protecting the interests of growers of this cotton in Madura Ramnad and Tinnevelly Districts as it is feared that the dealers and Gin owners would refuse to pay a higher price for this cotton over the ordinary rainfed Cambodia. (Note by the Deputy Director of Agriculaure, Mathurai).

4. Renaming of the improved strains.

Communication of approval of the Director of Agriculture on the suggestion of the Cotton Specialist on the renaming of the improved strains as follows:--

Existing name.	Proposed Name.
Coimbatore 2 Co2	Cambodia 2
Combatore 3 Co3	Cambodia 3
Coimbatore 4 Co4	Cambodia 4
Coimbatore 5 Co5	Karunganni 5
Koilpatti 1 K1	Karunganni 1
Koilpatti 2 K2	Karunganni 2
Nandyal 14 N14	Northerns 14
Hagari 1 H1	Westerns 1
Guntur 1 G1	Cocanadas 1

Sd.

for Cotton Specialist and
Secretary
Provincial Cotton Committee.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COTTON COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH APRIL, 1949 AT MADRAS.

PRESENT.

1. President: R.M. Sundaram Esq., I.C.S., Director of Agriculture, Madras.

2. Members: 1. Sri G.K. Devarajalu Naidu of Messrs Lakshmi Mills, Coimbatore.

2. Sri D. Gananasiromani, B.A., Representative of the Tinnevelly Dt.

3. Sri K. Rajagopala Chetti, Representative of Andhra Chamber of Commerce.

3. Secretary. Sri C. Jaganntha Rao, M.Sc.; Officiating Cotton Specialist, Coimbatore.

4. By-invitation: Sri C. Vijayaraghavan, L.Ag., Head Quarters, Deputy Director of Agriculture.

Item 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 10th meeting held on 4th October 1948.

The minutes of the meeting held 4th October 1948 were adopted.

Item No. 2: Report on the nature of action taken on the resolutions adopted at the previous meeting.

Subject 1: The Textile Commissioner and the Central Government be addressed to effect reduction in the pressing charges of lint fixing the ceilingrate at Rs.8/- per bale. The Committee recommends to the Indian Central Cotton Committee to further revise and fix the cotton Pressing rate at Rs.7/- per bale in view of further reduction in the cost of baling hoops.

The Director of Agriculture explained the position as discussed at the meeting of the Indian Central Cotton Committee at Bombay and in view of that the subject was left at that and no further action was proposed to be taken.

2. On the six new schemes for breeding improved varieties of cotton in westerns, Northerns, Tinnies, Cambodia in Central Districts, Sea Island in the west Coast and one seed distribution scheme in the Cocanada area.

The Director of Agriculture stated that the Indian Central Cotton Committee have sanctioned four new schemes which are to commence working during 1949-50. The four schemes are:--

(a) Scheme for breeding long Staple cotton for the cold weather in the irrigated regions of southern districts and trail of Sea Island in the West coast.

(b) Scheme for breeding fully medium staple variety for Tinnies area.

(c) Scheme for the improvement of Northern cotton.

(d) Scheme for the improvement of Westerns Cotton.

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The scheme for the multiplication, distribution of G.1 scheme in Guntur mentioned by the Indian Central Cotton Committee has started working during 1948-49.

The scheme for the improvements of unirrigated Cambodia cotton in the Madras Province is still under the consideration of the Indian Central Cotton Committee.

3. Resolved to request the Government to hasten the passage of the cotton ginning and Pressing (Madras) amending bill into an Act, Resolution No. 7 of the Local Cotton Committee, Northern tract held on 3-8-1947.

The members were informed that the amending Bill was discussed by the Legislative Assembly and it remains to be passed into an Act.

4. It was resolved to start the Co2 Cotton scheme in the protected area of required acreage as soon as Tiruppur cotton Committee is brought into working condition as originally contemplated in cotton improvement act. Resolution No. 2 of Local cotton committee held on 8-9-1947.

It was mentioned by the Director of Agriculture, that the combined multiplication and distribution scheme for Co2 and Karunganni Co 5 sent to Government will be put up for discussion and adoption by the Committee.

5. Illegal transport of cotton from Tinnevelly to Cambodia protected area.

The Cotton Specialist said that a detailed map of the Province showing boundaries of protected zones and important railway stations has been prepared and sent for printing for propaganda purposes.

6. Ways and means of increasing the production of Cotton.

The Director of Agriculture stated that when the Lower Bhavani Project is taken up and completed it will give scope for a large increase in the irrigated cotton area.

7. To prevent the free mixing of Cambodia and Karunganni in ginneries the Departmental officers may be asked to take the necessary steps to check the malpractices.

The members were told that the subject is under correspondence with the local government. The draft rules of the cotton control Act based on Bombay Act with suitable modifications have been prepared and sent to Government.

8. Increasing the strength of the Local cotton Committees by including one more grower member, for each committee.

The Cotton Specialist said that nominations from the regional presidents of local committees have been received and the approval of the names by the committee has been included in the agenda of the present meeting.

9. The Cambodia crop in Coimbatore district in particular was spoiled by leaf disease in the past two years and the Agricultureal department is requested to devise some measure to control the disease in view of the fact that we are short of stapled cottons in India.

The Cotton Specialist and Mr. Vijayaraghavan the Headquarters Deputy Director informed the members that the Government Entomologist had suggested spraying with tobacco decoction for control of thrips and the Entomologist's report on trial with the new insecticides, Gammexane, and D.D.T. was awaited.

10- Opening of a Regulated market for cotton and groundnut at Tadpatri.

The President said that the budget estimates for establishing a market committee for cotton and groundnut at Tadpatri and brining the whole of Anantapur district under Commercial crops market Act have been sent to Government and that their reply is awaited.

11. Supply of pure seeds of H. 1 cotton in time for sowing in the Westerns area.

The President stated that necessary steps have been taken by the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Cuddappah, with regard to stocking of adequate quantities of H.1 seed in time for distribution fixing the sale price sufficiently in advance.

12. On the need for growing coloured cotton which is mainly intended for export.

The President informed the members that the opinion of the Indian Central Cotton Committee was sought for on this subject and that he personally favoured the substitution of a white cotton in the place of the present coloured cotton. Some of the members of the Indian Central Cotton Committee were for continuing work in the present zone for the coloured cotton.

13. On the resolution to requests Messrs. Volkart Bors. Guntur, to consider and intimate whether they can offer to pay a basic premium for G.T lint and if so the minimum quantity of lint that they would require in order to enable them to offer the premium to the growers.

Replies received from Messrs. Volkart Bros. and the Association at Bombay for this type of cotton were read out to the members by the President.

14. That the cotton contains dirt and leaf and ways and means are to be found for reducing the loss were recommended by Messrs. Volkarts to be taken up.

The Secretary explained that pre-cleaning of kapas in ginneries by the installation of openers was possible and that the Deputy Directors had been addressed to survey the present conditions in the ginning factories. He added that the Deputy Director, Guntur has given the opinion that picking of kapas in the mornings instead of in the hot sun will minimise dirt and leaf but it was not always possible to enforce this. The subject was discussed and the committee was of opinion that the usual propaganda of clean picking by the Agricultural Department may be continued.

III. Subjects for the Current meeting:.

1: Sri G.K. Devarajulu Naidu proposed to discuss the present shortage of cotton. This subject was combined with the suggestion of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Vellore, for educating the cultivators for growing more superior cotton by intensive propaganda through Radio, Films, etc: The president observed that the shortage in the cotton area is determined mostly by the ruling prices both for cotton and for groundnut. The present decrease in area under cotton is attributable to larger area under groundnut owing to higher prices. The committee [illegible]

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~~groundnut owing to higher prices~~. The committee was of opinion that the offer of better prices was the best way to increase the area under cotton.

2. Seed Distribution: The subject for consideration was the proposed scheme for multiplication and distribution of Co2 and Co5 as a combined scheme under auspices of the Provincial Government.

The President remarked that the scheme was an important one and that it had to be approved by the Provincial cotton committee. The need for placing the scheme in charge of an Assistant cotton Specialist with experience of the work in order to maintain absolute purity of the two strains was stressed by the Secretary. The objections of the Government to run the scheme as drawn up previously and submitted to them ~~without~~ the explained. The committee agreed to the scheme being run without the floating advance of Rs. 2 lakhs as directed by Government but it felt the necessity for the scheme being put in charge of an Assistant Cotton Specialist instead of under a District Officer who is usually saddled with several other responsibilities and who could not best ow sustained attention to the maintenance of the purity of the seed. The Committee also felt that the breeding work done for years for evolving improved strains of cotton should be taken to its full fruition by the spread of the strains under conditions of cent per cent purity and that this would ~~under~~ be possible only when such seed multiplication schemes are placed in charge of Assistant Cotton Specialists. A modified scheme on the above lines has been proposed to be submitted to Government.

3. Marketing and Price Fixation.

Sri G.K. Devarajulu Naidu proposed that there should be co-ordination of prices between kapas and cotton and between Pakistan and Indian cottons

It was stated by the President that this subject has been taken to the notice of Government and the members agreed that necessary steps should be taken to see that there is coordination of prices between local cottons and imported cottons.

The subject proposed by the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Madura, Viz., Exclusion of cotton Co.4/B40 (Uganda) from the provision of cotton Control Order of the Provincial Government dated 4-2-49; was discussed by the House. Since the President informed the committee that the Government had now passed orders accepting their views, no action was considered necessary.

4. Renaming of the Improved strains.

The following names of cotton strains for the existing names were agreed to by the Committee with a view to make the grower and the pruchaser familiar with the trade varieties to which the numbers refer:--

Existing name.		Proposed name.
Coimbatore	2 Co2	Gambodia 2
Coimbatore	3 Co3	Cambodia 33
Coimbatore	4 Co4	Cambodia 4
Coimbatore	5 Co5	Karunganni 5
Koilpatti	1 K1	Karunganni 1
Koilpatti	2 K2	Karunganni 2
Nandyal.	14 N14	Northerns 14
Hagari	1 H1	Westerns 1
Guntur	1 G1	Cocanadas 1

The President also suggested that Co.4/B.40 grown in the Rajapalayam area be named as Rajapalayam cotton. The Cotton Specialist will be consulted on this.

5. Increasing the strength of the Local cotton Committee members by nominating one more grower.

The Secretary, stated that nominations have been received the read out the names. The Committee approved of the five names.

(No. Y. 2. 914/48 dated 1st March 1949 contains names of members)

6. The President placed before the members the subject of the Cocanadas cotton of the Guntur district, its present status and the future lines of work as envisaged by the Department. The policy of the Department was to switch over to a white cotton as at present the Cocanda cotton was meant for export only. The Committee agreed to the suggestion.

(sd). C. Jaganntha Rao.

Cotton Specialist &
Secretary,
Provincial Cotton Committee.

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Sd.
Assistant Cotton Specialist.

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Jammalmadugu Tk., Cuddapah Dt.
Sri Ulli Janaprakasa Rao, Royavaram, Macherla P.O.
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Development Dept.

Letter No. 66816 K /49-1. dated 12-8-1949.

To
The Secretary,
I.C.C.C.,
BOMBAY (with encls).

Sir,

Sub: Agri- P.C.C.- 11th meeting- Agenda & Proceedings.

I am directed to enclose a copy of the Agenda and Proceedings of the meeting of the Provincial cotton Committee held on 5-4-1949.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to the Director of Agriculture.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

Agriculture- Provincial Cotton Committee 11th Meeting- Agenda and Proceedings - Papers recorded.

Food and Agriculture Department.

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